

Welcome to Year 6

Dear Year 5,

I hope you are all safe and well learning from home and I hope you are getting plenty of time to get outside to enjoy the summer weather. I am looking forward to teaching you all in September and know that we have an exciting year of learning ahead of us.

This letter is intended to give a brief idea of what we will be studying next year. In the Autumn term, we will begin our topic of **Africa**, within which we will explore the geography of the continent, research the history of Apartheid and study instrumental South African figures such as Nelson Mandela and Stephen Biko. Later in the year, we will explore the wonder of the movies through **Lights, Camera, Action** and the historical impact of exploration on the modern world in our **Explorers** topic.

In addition to our maths and English curriculum, we will be delving into the mysteries of science through a variety of topics. As you all know, I have a particular passion for PE and school sport, and am looking forward to teaching you a whole host of sports, including cross country, basketball, rounders and many more.

Over the summer, I had planned to go travelling to Sweden and Switzerland. As I am unable to do that in this present climate, I aim to visit as many English counties as I can. I really like visiting places I've never been to before and look forward to finding out all the places you have been to as well. During the first few days in Year 6, we will add your travel destinations to our world map. If you do manage to get away anywhere, feel free to send a postcard to school. Similarly, if you have postcards from previous holidays, you can bring those in too.

I have recently read two books which have been turned into animations by Studio Ghibli: Howl's Moving Castle by Diana Wynne Jones and When Marnie Was There by Joan G Robinson. I would highly recommend both of them. It is likely I will read a few more books in the holidays, and suspect many of you will be doing the same. We have a "Recommendations Book" in Year 6, so please add the books you have enjoyed to it in September.

I am looking forward to a fabulous year working with you and look forward to welcoming you to Year 6 in September.

All the best for the summer.

Many thanks.

Mr. Hancock